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Welcome Center

Monday-Saturday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday/Holidays

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Welcome Center is your destination for maps, gift items, program reservations, camping reservations, permits and Forest Information.

Directions

From I-65 south, take the Gene Snyder Freeway (I-265) west and exit at New Cut Road. Turn left, go about one mile, and turn right onto Mitchell Hill Road. Follow the signs to the Forest.

Mission Statement

The mission of Louisville Metro Parks is to create a City of Parks and enhance the quality of life for citizens of Louisville Metro by maintaining and acquiring attractive, vibrant parks and offering safe, diverse recreation programs, and protecting these lands and resources for future generations.

The Importance of Diversity to the Forest

Diversity... In reference to a system, diversity is a very important concept. It can be measured in numerous ways depending upon the system in question, but as it relates to an ecosystem we usually think of it as the variation in the different types of species present. Measured this way, the Jefferson Memorial Forest is quite diverse. This diversity is a strength: it contributes to the overall health of the forest; it provides the forest with resilience in the face of extremes and change. Part of our mission is to work to protect the diversity of the Forest in the face of current realities such as habitat loss and invasive species.

But there are other ways that diversity contributes to the long-term health of the Forest (and parks in general). Of particular interest is ensuring we continue to build a foundation of support for the Forest and its mission into the future. There are a number of trends that we must be aware of as we seek to honor past community input into the planning process and build support for community-enhancing master plan infrastructure improvements, valuable nature-based programming, and increased stewardship activities. First and foremost is to respond to the national trend that children are spending less time outdoors in nature on average than previous generations. This is particularly so for poorer children and minorities, but it is also true for any child who increasingly turns to electronic gadgets for stimulation. Those trends, combined with changing demographics in the country, are potentially creating a generation of citizens that are less aware (and therefore potentially less supportive) of the value of green space and parks. So our challenge, if we hope to protect the Forest and other parks for future generations, is to expand opportunities for all citizens of varied ages, personal passions, socio-economic status, or ability to experience the outdoors.

Fortunately, Louisville is a leader in working to meet these challenges head on. Metro Parks' staff at Jefferson Memorial Forest and our dedicated group of volunteers are involved in a number

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of initiatives that support the broader community effort to build upon our legacy of great parks and help connect all residents to nature in meaningful ways. This issue of the newsletter highlights many of the ways that individuals of all backgrounds and abilities can be engaged with nature whether it be participating in our new FOX (Families Outdoors X-ploring) program at natural areas across Louisville, hopping a free trolley to visit the Forest, giving back to the community through volunteer service, or taking advantage of new trail improvements designed to cater to new users who appreciate a less strenuous - but not less enjoyable - hike or ride along a trail. So we hope within these pages you'll find some reason to take your family outside to experience the wonders of the great outdoors!

Bennett Knox, Parks Administrator



Canoeing on the Ohio River



Volunteer News



Volunteer Spotlight: Susan Hatton

Susan and her husband, John, joined the JMF volunteer family in January 2010 as Volunteer Naturalists. Preferring to let others have the limelight, Susan likes to serve as a helper with children's programs, assist staff and "sweep" on woodland hikes (the sweep stays in the back of a hiking group to assure participants are all together and provides interpretation for those unable to hear the guide in front of the group).

This past year, Susan found another calling when she offered to assist in the volunteer office with a special project. That project became another, and another, and before we knew it, Susan was assisting in the office on a weekly basis! In 2012, Susan dedicated over 135 hours to assuring the volunteer office runs smoothly. Lending her PC skills to logging volunteer hours and running reports, she also prepares documents, letters and cards for mailing, assembles welcome packets for new volunteers, maintains the files and follows up on renewal and certification needs. She does a fabulous job of making the Volunteer Coordinator look good, and our VC cannot thank her enough!

In her two years with us, Susan has logged nearly 400 hours in volunteer service to the Forest. Thank you, Susan, for your continued hard work and dedication.

University of Illinois Students Today, Leaders Forever

This amazing group of 30 high school students and 5 college mentors dedicated their winter break to traveling several states and performing good works along the way. On Saturday, February 16, the Louisville Loop was the lucky recipient of a morning's labor from this group of 35 youth. Fueled by enthusiasm and periodic exercise and cheering breaks to combat the below freezing temperatures and a strong wind off the Ohio, the group donated 87.5 man-hours and filled a dump truck with trash and litter that had been exposed by the winter leaf fall.

We Love Eagle Scouts!

Congratulations to the following scouts for attaining Eagle Scout rank, and thanks for the hard work and dedication to the Forest. Job well done, Gentlemen!

Tyler Termini earned his Eagle Scout ranking by building a multi-level play platform. The platform is a focal point in our new Nature Play Area at the Welcome Center. Tyler and Troop 380 donated 143 hours to this effort.

Russell Ball earned his Eagle ranking by raising funds to build an informational kiosk at the Forest Welcome Center. With the help of his fellow scouts in Troop 1 from Crescent

Hill United Methodist Church, 127.5 hours were dedicated to the completion of this project.

Brian Mattingly completed his Eagle project by enlisting his friends from Troop 346 to help him build a nature art table and storage unit for our Nature Explore Playground at the Welcome Center. Fund raising, organizing, and construction culminated in 215.5 hours of volunteer time.

Will Tobbe earned his Eagle Scout designation by fundraising for the materials to provide our new Welcome Center play area with natural borders. Will and his fellow scouts dedicated 103 service hours to this project.

Adult and Corporate Groups

US Army Corps of Engineers honored American Veterans by using their federal holiday to volunteer in the community. Despite the first real winter day of the year, with temperatures falling throughout the day and a steady, cold rain, a group of 12 removed litter from the Louisville Loop at the Portland canal overlook, while another group of 17 visited the Forest to remove invasive plant species in the Environmental Education area. Together, these 29 individuals donated 87 hours of service, removed a dump truck load of trash and cleared two acres of bush honeysuckle. What a great, hard-working group! We enjoyed working with the Corps and appreciate all their efforts.



Cheers and warmups keep the University of Illinois volunteers going



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*Brian Mattingly
and Troop 346.*



University of Illinois - job well done!

Does your group have what it takes to make a difference in a Natural Areas park? Give us a call! We would love to coordinate a volunteer event especially for you. We have projects suitable for single-day service projects as well as Eagle Scouts. If you need a project, contact Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Wright at 380-1753 or at sherry.wright@louisvilleky.gov.



Land Management Notes



A perched view of surrounding landscape from the Coral Ridge Loop



USACE volunteers remove bush honeysuckle on a rainy day in November

Coral Ridge Loop Trail is a must hike/ride!

There is a wonderful new hiking opportunity within the Paul Yost Recreation Area. The Coral Ridge Loop is one of three loop trails within the newly completed shared use trail system. In all, Paul Yost now has over ten miles of trail available for hiking and equestrian use. A round trip from the parking area on the Coral Ridge Loop is three miles. The trail takes you up a gentle grade to the uplands of Knobs Region topography for which Jefferson Memorial Forest is so famous. For those of us who have climbed up and down these hills numerous times during the trail planning stage, it seems really remarkable to now be able to reach the top of the ridges with so little effort on the new trail. The Coral Ridge Loop trail encircles several knobs and ridges along its course where you can enjoy some wonderful overlooks of surrounding landscapes, especially when the leaves are off the trees. From these vistas you might observe Red-tailed Hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*) or Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura*) riding thermals above the surrounding valleys. Also along the upper hillsides you can enjoy native trees like Chestnut Oak (*Quercus montana*) with its checkerboard-like bark and elongated smooth acorns or

Virginia Pine (*Pinus virginiana*) with its rough bark and short and deep green needles. Of course, when you do come out to hike or ride this trail, obtain a trail map from the Welcome Center or print one from our web page.

Completion of Yost Ridge Trail Connection in Paul Yost Recreational Area

The connection has been made! The trail crew has connected the Yost Ridge Trail into the trail system of the Paul Yost Recreational Area. This one mile section of new hiking trail extends the Yost Ridge Trail from a crossing point at Holsclaw Hill Road, connecting into the newly built system of loop trails in Paul Yost. This extension adds one mile of length to the Yost Ridge Trail which begins at the Welcome Center, bringing the total length to 2.2 miles.

Invasive Plant Removal in Horine

Despite less than optimal November weather, seventeen Army Corp of Engineer employees braved cold and rainy weather to help remove several acres of Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera mackii*) from woodlands in the Horine Reservation. These hardy volunteers dug and uprooted several hundred of these highly invasive shrubs in the woodlands, clearing the way for our native shrubs to thrive. On the same day, another twelve Army Corps volunteers picked up approximately thirty bags of litter from the Louisville Loop downtown section near the Portland Canal Overlook. We certainly could not accomplish so many positive goals within the Natural Areas division without the support of volunteer groups like these!

Caperton Swamp Restoration

Restoration work at Caperton Swamp finished strong in 2012 with seasonal employee Alex Harcourt carrying out removal of Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*) and various other invasive plants. Alex has a background in Forestry and turned out to be an awesome force in moving the restoration project forward! This type of invasive removal work is essential in preparing the woodlands and wetlands for restoration planting of native trees and shrubs, which is planned to take place over the next couple of years. Many thanks to



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Alex Harcourt treats invasive wintercreeper at Caperton Swamp

prepared in previous seasons by removing non-native invasive plants. On November 14 Coral Ridge Elementary students once again helped to plant trees as part of their participation in Jefferson Memorial Forest's ECHO program. What a sight it was with fifty fourth grade students so enthusiastic about planting trees!



Fall Oddities

We wanted to share a couple of interesting natural finds from this past fall in the Horine Reservation. We found this Giant Puffball (*Calvatia gigantea*) on October 20 and couldn't resist doctoring it up a bit. Giant Puffballs are mushrooms sometimes reaching enormous sizes- sometimes over four feet in diameter! And this oddly lobed Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) leaf was found by Christa Weidner on one of the education trails. We have seen many one, two, and three-lobed Sassafras leaves, but none with five lobes-until now!

Bryan Lewis, Land Manager

Metro District 7 Councilman Ken Fleming for financial support of this restoration work!

LG&E Plant for the Planet in Tom Wallace

We had another big fall planting season due to another year of LG&E Plant for the Planet support. This fall we added 600 new native trees to Tom Wallace Recreational Area woodlands. These woodlands had been

A Giant Puffball and a Five-lobed Sassafras leaf are a couple of interesting finds from the fall season



Fifty young volunteers from Coral Ridge Elementary plant trees in Tom Wallace Recreation Area



Public Program Calendar: March to September

The Forest offers programs for all ages. For more information visit our website at memorialforest.com or call the Welcome Center at 502/368-5404. Our staff will be happy to help make reservations, give directions to the program location, or provide a complete schedule of programs throughout the year. For all programs, please wear close-toed walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Reservations are required in advance. The Forest reserves the right to cancel, change or postpone program dates and venues, due to insufficient registration, conditions or weather. In such cases rain checks will be provided.

NIGHT CLIMBING ON THE ALPINE TOWER

Friday, March 22, 7-9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 25, 7-9:30 p.m.

Challenge yourself on our 52 foot climbing tower... in the dark! Learn basic climbing and belaying techniques while experiencing increased self-esteem, confidence and problem-solving skills from tackling this "high-altitude" obstacle course! Program is for ages 10 and up (A parent or legal guardian must accompany participants under age 18). Wear tennis shoes and long pants or shorts (with inseam greater than 5 inches). Bring your headlamp! Program will meet in the Horine Section of the Forest. All participants must pre-register and pre-pay before day of course through the Welcome Center (no registrations day of course). Fee: \$10/person

FREE GUIDED HIKES

YOST RIDGE/MITCHELL HILL LAKE: 3.3
Saturday, March 30, 8:15 p.m.

Strenuous/moderate special night hike. After the hike there will be a small fire and s'mores. Meet at the Welcome Center.

SCOTT'S GAP TRAIL: 3.0
Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.

Strenuous/moderate. Meet at the Scotts Gap Section Parking Lot.

RED TRAIL: 4.8 MILES
Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m.

Strenuous/moderate. Meet in the Horine Reservation Parking Lot

**WAVERLY PARK: TWISTING BENDS 2.2
AND CLINIC TRAILS 2.4 MILES**
Saturday, June 29, 8 a.m.

Easy/moderate. Can hike separate or combined. Meet at the last parking lot in Waverly Park.

ORANGE TRAIL: 2.0 MILES
Saturday, July 27, 8 a.m.

Strenuous/moderate. Will also include a

chance to go by the EEC and to the Team building course if available. Meet at the Horine Reservation Parking Lot.

**PURPLE HEART VIA SILTSTONE
CROSSING DAM: 2.5 MILES**

Saturday, August 31, 8 a.m.

Strenuous/moderate. Meet at the Welcome Center.

**MOREMANS HILL: (GUESSING 3.5
MILES)**

Saturday, September 28, 8 a.m.

Easy/moderate. Meet at the Sandlot Parking Lot off Deering Rd.

ARCHERY CLASSES

Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday, August 3, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Learn how to shoot a bow and arrow within minutes. This program is for all physical ability levels. All equipment is provided. Children 8 and over are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pre-Registration required. Fee: \$6/person

RIVER CANOEING CLASSES

Saturday, April 13, 1-5 p.m.
Saturday, June 1, 1-5 p.m.

Love canoeing? Love rivers? So does Jefferson Memorial Forest! That's why we're offering a basic 4 hour class in river canoeing! Course will cover basics of boat control and paddle strokes for moving water, and how to prepare for a safe day on the river. Participants must be age 12 and up, able to swim confidently, and comfortably sit in and paddle a canoe in slow moving water (Parent or legal guardian must accompany any participant under age 18). All equipment is provided. Dress to get wet and wear shoes that will stay on your feet (NO FLIP FLOPS!). All participants must pre-register and pre-pay before day of course through the Welcome Center (no registrations day of course). No cancellations less than 72 hours before

course start. 10 participants max, \$15 per person. Canoe programs are subject to change of date or venue due to water conditions and weather. Fee: \$15/person

HOWL AT THE MOON

Friday, April 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, July 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, August 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, September 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Forest staff lead owners and their pooches on a hike through the woods. Non-retractable leashes and good behavior required. Please make sure your dog is up to date on all of their vaccines. Meets in the Horine Reservation. Fee: \$6/dog Pre-Registration required.

FOX: FAMILIES OUTSIDE X-PLORING

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Get your Family Outside X-ploring a different Metro Park each season. Throughout the year, a Naturalist will guide your family on an exploration in forests, fields, along the Ohio River, lakes and ponds. Hike, search for tracks, build forts, catch pond critters, get muddy, play in leaves, and take a break from technology. This is a great opportunity to play with your kids and let them experience nature. Bring water bottles, a snack and dress for the weather. We will be outside the whole time. Warning: You will get dirt on your shirt! Pre-Registration required. Fee: \$8/ Family

SPRING IN JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST

Saturday, April 20

Features: pond, hiking trails, Nature Explore Classroom, nature center, and picnic areas. Meets in the Horine Environmental Education Center.



SUMMER IN RIVERVIEW PARK

Saturday, August 17

Features: Ohio River, playground, spray ground, picnic areas, wooded area
Explore the banks of the Ohio River, cool off in the water park, and traipse through the woods. Children can wear a swimsuit under their clothes for the spray park. Meets in the upper parking lot of Riverview Park.

THE GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT

Saturday, June 22, Begins 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 23, Ends 11 a.m.

Since 2005, thousands from across the nation have come together the fourth Saturday of June to participate in the Great American Backyard Campout in support of Great Outdoors Month. The Campout not only raises awareness of the benefits of camping, but reinforces the National Wildlife Federation's Be Out There campaign. This event is an easy way for friends and families to connect with nature, sleep under the stars and create memories of outdoor experiences. The Forest wants to host our biggest campout ever! We'll provide the campfire, s'mores, night hikes and activities, you provide your breakfast and a tent. If you wish to bring your dinner to cook over the open fire, please arrive at 5:30 p.m. In the morning you will have the day to explore the Forest, meet animals in the Environmental Education Center, or go fishing at Tom Wallace with free poles from the Welcome Center. Fee: \$25 per family up to 4; \$5 per additional family member. \$15 per platform tent rental.

FAMILY CANOE DAYS AT TOM WALLACE LAKE

Saturday, July 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, September 14

Get yourself geared-up for a family treat and special day of fun! Take a canoe out on the lake, and spend time on the shore learning about the incredible creatures that live below. Are you ready to start paddling but not sure of where to start? Join us to discover the basics of canoeing. Spend some time on the lake practicing your skills. Don't worry if you are new to canoeing - all equipment (canoe, paddles, and personal flotation devices) is provided. This program is suitable for beginning paddlers (ages 5 and to adult.) Fee: Activities Free; \$10 canoe rental

Families Outside X-ploring

Do you remember running through the woods? Catching animals in creeks and ponds? Making mud pies? Following the tracks of animals in the snow? Metro Parks, Natural Areas Staff are offering the FOX program for families to do these things at various locations around the community.

A time for you and your family to explore the outdoors and have fun, free of technology and the busy world we live in. Check the program calendar in this issue for all the dates!

Children today spend less time outdoors and more time playing with high tech gadgets indoors.

Children are missing out on the benefits of outdoor play. Below is a list of benefits published in *The Sunday Times* by Marika Tabone.

Children that are in contact with nature:

- Score higher on tests of concentration and self-discipline;
- Show more advanced motor fitness, including coordination, balance and agility, and they are sick less often;
- Are more imaginative and creative;
- Are less stressed;
- Are not generally engaged in bullying;
- Develop powers of observation and creativity and a sense of peace and being at one with the world;
- Are more imaginative and curious;
- Have more positive feelings about each other;
- Are more socially interactive;
- Develop an affinity to - and love of - nature, along with a positive environmental ethic.

Please join us for a memorable experience!



SNOOZE BUT DON'T LOSE AT JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST!

Throughout 2013, the Forest offers camping discounts to anyone signing up for our public programs.

- Camping at a family site: \$10 per night • Firewood: \$5 for 20 pieces •

REQUIREMENTS

- Reservations must fall between the night before your program and the night after, and must be booked at the same time as the program.
- The discount must be mentioned at the time of your reservation.

Our staff has a great year of events planned, so join us for fun and relaxation!



Summer Adventures

Each provides children an immersion experience in the natural world. They take on the roles of naturalist, scientist, and explorer as they discover new things about the forest, and the creatures that inhabit it. By combining educational activities and learning experiences with traditional summer camp fun, your child has an educational adventure they will remember for a lifetime.

Activities include nature study, crafts, science experiments, games, journaling, hikes and animal contact with the Forest's education animals. Each session runs one week.

Each day begins promptly at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Each of these camps is for ages 7 to 12. Special camps for teens ages 13 to 15, and youngsters ages 5 to 6 are also offered.

SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE

This year, a shuttle service will be offered from the playground at Joe Creason Park, directly across from the Louisville Zoo. Parents can purchase a shuttle pass for \$25.00 that provides their child transportation to and from Jefferson Memorial Forest for the week. This service is limited to 20 spots so make your reservation early. This service is for ages 7 to 15. Please provide a booster seat for your child to use, if one is needed.

ADVENTURE CAMP AND ADVENTURE 2.0

June 17-21 and July 29-August 2

Is your child an explorer? Do they crave adventure? They are sure to find it here! Campers explore the trails deep in the forest, climb our alpine tower, and learn survival skills, try rappelling, and hone their archery skills.

WATER WONDERS

July 22-26

Discover the exciting world within a pond, lake, stream and river. Campers explore a lake by canoe, play in a flowing creek, and hike through a forest to a winding stream. Personal Floatation Devices are provided to each camper and trained staff accompany the campers in a 1:3 ratio for our canoe excursions. Parents are welcome to join their child for canoeing field trips.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES

June 17-21

Do your children love animals? Campers explore and search for signs of animals in

a variety of habitats and meet our forest education animals up close. What animals live in Kentucky? Find out and discover more about our native animals in the Forest. Includes a field trip to Salato Education Wildlife Center.

NATURE CAMP AT LOCUST GROVE

Drop-off at Locust Grove 8:30-9 a.m.

Pick-up at Locust Grove: 4-4:30 p.m.

July 8 - 12

Travel back in time more than 200 years to discover nature and people through Locust Grove. Track native wild animals, experience Native American hunting and survival techniques, and discover life in the 18th century for the first European settlers and Native Americans. This hands-on nature camp will take kids on an adventure back in time! PLEASE NOTE: Drop off and pick up will take place at Locust Grove. There will be no shuttle service for this session.

ECO EXTREME

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Overnight camping trip included.

July 15-19 • Ages 13 to 15

Ready for extreme adventure? Then you have found the right camp. Canoeing, back country camping, exploring areas off the beaten path - Campers learn Leave No Trace skills, Wilderness First Responder skills and challenge themselves and each other as they take it to the extreme. Group camps out Thursday night.

FAIRIES, TROLLS AND GNOMES

July 15-19 • Ages 6 to 9

Enter a magical, hidden world in the Forest, where creatures of the imagination live. Campers use their imagination and natural materials to create an enchanted land where anything is possible, while learning about the plants and animals of the forest.

FOREST EXPLORERS

August 5-9 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Search for animal tracks, discover the fascinating world of insects, find life in a small scoop of pond water, and hike the trails! Through stories, crafts and hands-on activities your child will make discoveries about the variety of habitats and the animals living in the Forest. Come explore! PLEASE NOTE: No shuttle service is offered for this camp.

ART IN NATURE AT THE LOUISVILLE VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION

August 5 - 9 • Children entering grades 3-5

Dropoff 8:30-9 a.m. • Pickup 4-4:30 p.m.
Louisville Visual Arts, 609 West Main St.

A hands-on, get-out-there camp introduces an exciting partnership between Louisville Visual Arts Association and the Forest! Combining art instruction by LVAA staff and outdoor activities with JMF staff, campers see the natural world in different ways while learning art techniques. PLEASE NOTE: Dropoff and pickup is at the Louisville Visual Arts Association, 609 West Main St. There is no shuttle service for this session.

COSTS

Cost per child, per week

ADVENTURE CAMP6-12.....\$125

**ANIMAL ADVENTURES
WATER WONDERS**

NATURE CAMP6-12.....\$195

AT LOCUST GROVE

**FAIRIES, TROLLS6-9.....\$135
AND GNOMES**

ART IN NATURE8-12.....\$195

FOREST EXPLORERS5-6.....\$110

ECO EXTREME13-15.....\$195

Shuttle Service.....\$25

From Joe Creason Park

Natural Areas Metal\$7.50

Water Bottle W/Carabiner

**Bottle Discount If You Sign Up\$5
for More Than One Camp**

PAYMENT OPTIONS AND REFUNDS

Prices include all camp supplies and field trip admission. Registration forms can be mailed with check or credit card information to Jefferson Memorial Forest, P O Box 467, Fairdale, KY 40118. Reservations cannot be made over the phone. Make checks payable to Jefferson Memorial Forest. Include the session dates your child is attending on the check. Refunds, less a \$25 processing fee, are given only if a cancellation is made in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp. If a camp is filled or cancelled, a full refund will be made to you. All camps are subject to maximum and minimum enrollment requirements.



Summer Adventures Registration

Registration and Payment

Camp registrations are filled on a first come, first served basis. Full payment is required at registration. Full payment and registration are due no less than one week before the beginning of your camp. You will be notified if a session is full or has been cancelled. Please read the attached form, fill it out and return it with your payment to Jefferson Memorial Forest. If a camp is full or has been cancelled, a full refund will be made. Confirmation will be mailed or emailed to you prior to the beginning of camp.

Payment Options

Prices include supplies, admission, a plastic water bottle for field trips, and snacks. To guarantee your child's spot, you may pay over the phone with a credit card, pay with a check through the mail, or pay in person at the Forest Welcome Center. To reduce our waste this year, metal water bottles with a carabiner for easy carrying are available. Bottles are \$7.50. If your child signs up for multiple camps, you may receive the discounted price of \$5. Make checks payable to Jefferson Memorial Forest and include the dates your child is attending.

Refunds

A cancellation must be received in writing no less than 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp. A refund (minus \$25 processing fee) will be made.

Special Requests

If you would like your child to be grouped with a sibling or friend, please indicate on this form. Requests cannot be guaranteed.

Special Needs

Metro Parks strives to make programs as accessible as possible. Please call, at least one week prior to the first day of camp, if your child has special needs or requests. We will work to make any reasonable accommodations. Metro Parks staff will be available to assist with accommodations.

First Day of Camp

Campers must be checked in by a parent or legal guardian on the first day of camp. A list of people approved to pick up your child in case of emergency (or alternate arrangement) must be provided at check-in. For those on the list, identification will be required before your child is released to them.

Clothing

Your child will be outdoors; comfortable, casual, cool clothes and athletic shoes are necessary. For the safety and comfort of your child, no flip-flops, clogs or sandals are allowed.

Lunch, Water and Snacks

Campers have a one-hour lunch each day. Campers bring their own lunches and drinks, marked with the child's name. No vending machines, refrigerators or microwaves are available. Morning snacks are provided, and campers are given a water bottle to bring and refill every day.

Drop-Off

Drop-off is located in the main parking lot of the Horine Reservation unless otherwise directed. Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m. and no campers are to be dropped off earlier. Please Note: if your camper is a Forest Explorer (age 5 to 6) drop off begins at 9:30 a.m. Drop off for Locust Grove Nature camp is located at the Locust Grove Visitors Center, 561 Blankenbaker Lane.

Pick Up

Camps are dismissed at 4 p.m. - except for Forest Explorers, who are dismissed at 2 p.m. Staff will stay with campers for 30 minutes. Locust Grove Nature Camp pick up will be in front of the Locust Grove Visitors Center. Pick up begins at 4 p.m. and children may wait inside. Please respect campers and staff by picking up and dropping off children on time. If a camper has not been picked up, a staff person will take them to the program office. Please provide a phone number where you can be reached if your child has not been picked up. Whoever picks up your child must check in with Forest staff. To ensure the safety of your child, no one will be released to a vehicle without identification.

Shuttle Service

Shuttle service is offered. Morning pick up and afternoon drop off is in front of the playground at Joe Creason Park at 1297 Trevilian Way. Parents can purchase a shuttle pass for \$25 per session that provides transportation to and from the Forest for the week. The service is only for children ages 7 to 15, and is limited to 20 passengers. You must provide a booster seat for your child if needed. Drop off for shuttle riders is between 8 and 8:30 a.m., no earlier and no later. Refunds will not be given for latecomers. There is no shuttle service for Forest Explorers, Locust Grove, or Art in Nature camps. Pick up for shuttle riders will be from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Staff will check the identification of anyone picking up a child.

The registration fee must accompany this form. Make checks payable to Jefferson Memorial Forest. When registering more than one child, send the information for each child on a separate form. Mail check and registration to: Jefferson Memorial Forest Summer Camp, PO Box 467, Fairdale, KY 40118.



Summer Adventures Registration Form

SESSION REQUESTED

SHUTTLE*

☐ Animal Adventures.....June 17-21\$125

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☐ Adventure CampJune 24-28\$125

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☐ Locust Nature in Locust Grove CampJuly 8-12\$195

☐ ECO Extreme CampJuly 15-19\$195

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☐ Fairies, Trolls and GnomesJuly 15-19\$135

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☐ Metal Water bottle: \$7.50

☐ Multi-Camp Discount: \$5

SESSION REQUESTED

SHUTTLE*

☐ Water WondersJuly 22-26\$125

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☐ Adventure CampJuly 29-Aug 2...\$125

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☐ Art in Nature w/ LVAAAugust 5-9\$195

☐ Forest ExplorersAugust 5-9\$105

*Shuttle service = ____ session(s) x \$25

Child's last name _____ Child's first name _____

Sex ☐ M / ☐ F Age _____ Birthday ____ / ____ / ____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____ Emergency phone _____

Email address _____

Is there a friend or sibling you would like placed with your child? This cannot be guaranteed if children are in different age groups or if space is not available.

Friend's Name _____

Does your child have any health concerns, special needs or allergies? _____

I hereby authorize Jefferson Memorial Forest/Locust Grove/Metro Parks to take any steps necessary to ensure my child's health in case of an emergency, including seeking medical treatment. My child has permission to go on all camp-sponsored field trips. I understand that transportation will be by van with a full-time staff driver for all field trips.

Signature _____ Date _____

I hereby authorize Jefferson Memorial Forest/Locust Grove/Metro Parks to use my child's name and or photograph for educational and public relations purposes.

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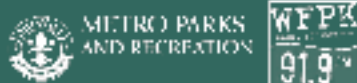
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TROLLEY HOP DAYS

On dates when the New Cut Road Trolley is scheduled to run (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), we welcome you to make the Welcome Center one of your stops for some fun in the Forest.



Saturday, April 27

Visit the Welcome Center, where you'll find a variety of family activities, from crafts and animal interpretation to using your imagination to explore our outdoor Nature Play area. Naturalists will lead activities and demonstrations, while members of our Trail Team will lead guided hikes, and land stewards will share knowledge about Kentucky's native plants.

Saturday, May 18

Forest Fest! The trolley will drop you off at the Welcome Center where the lure of bluegrass music amidst the trees is but a short hike away in the Horine Reservation. For those unable to make the hike, we will be offering trolley-hoppers van shuttle access to the venue (\$1 donation per person suggested to cover costs).

FOREST FISHING

Regardless whether you're an expert angler or a novice, the Forest can help you in your quest for the big catch.

Our 5-acre Tom Wallace Lake is swimming with bluegill and bass, and is regularly stocked with catfish and trout by the KY Department for Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

Thanks to our partnership with the KYDFWR we can offer free rental of fishing poles at the Welcome Center, where we also sell licenses and live bait.

Tentative stocking dates:

Catfish: March, April, May, August

Trout: February, March, October

Try it before you buy it:

June 1-2 2013 are "Free Fishing Days."
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